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TAGS: OEXC, MT. (GANADO, JOSEPH M.)

SUBJECT: FY76 IV NOMINATION

REF: VALLETTA 1073; STATE 224205

1. BECAUSE OF IMPENDING ELECTIONS, EMBASSY PURPOSELY DECIDED NOT TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FROM POLITICAL SECTOR THIS YEAR. EVEN IF SELECTED, POLITICAL SECTOR NOMINEES WOULD BE UNABLE LEAVE MALTA, DUE TO PRE-ELCTION ACTIVITIES. THIS CONSIDERATION WAS REFLECTED IN OUR FY76 COUNTRY PLAN.

2. EMBASSY INDEED PLACES GREAT PRIORITY ON GANADO GRANT. IN OUR CP, WE PROPOSED A GRANT FOR LEADING ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF MALTA OFFICIAL. GANADO FITS THIS CATEGORY VERY WELL.

3. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS FULL IV GRANT FOR GANADO, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AS SPECIFIED BELOW. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO PROGRAM GANADO AS A VOLUNTARY VISITOR.

4. REASON FOR JAPAN TRIP IS GANADO PARTICIPATION IN PACEM IN MARIBUS CONFERENCE. SPONSORS HAVE NOW ARRANGED WITH JAPAN AIRLINES FOR FREE CHARTERED FLIGHT LONDON-JAPAN-LONDON. GANADO WILL THEREFORE RETURN LONDON OCTOVER 5. AS A RESULT OF THESE REVISED TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, EMBASSY PROPOSES GANADO LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON, D.C. OCTOVER 6 DIRECTLY FROM LONDON. SINCE MALTA-LONDON-MALTA LEG ALREADY PAID BY UNIVERSITY IN CONNECTION WITH JAPAN CONFERENCE, GANADO'S INTERNATIONAL
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TICKET WOULD THEREFORE COVER LONDON-WASHINGTON-LONDON ONLY.

EMBASSY RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT FUNDING FOR THIS PORTION OF TRIP.

5. DR. GANADO DEPARTING MALTA SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 28.
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE REPLY. SMITH

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